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TWO CENTS.

## Rain Tuesday and possibly

late tonight; warmer tonight. Colder Tuesday.

Weather.

# TAWNEY IS CENSURED, SECRET SERVICE PRAISED

President Declares He Did **Not Charge Congress With** Corruption.

**REVIEW OF THE CASE** IN SPECIAL MESSAGE

Holds Digntiy of Lawmaking Bodies in High Respect.

INVOLVES L. W. BUSBEY

Speaker's Secretary Author of Newspaper Criticism.

ARTICLE IN CHICAGO PAPER

Chairman of Appropriations Committee Charged With Responsibility for Reduction in Appropriation for Wilkie's Bureau-"An Action Against the Interests of Law-Abiding People."

Unusual attention was paid in the House of Representatives today to the reading of the message from the President, replying to a resolution of that body calling upon him for an explanation of the intimation in his annual message that members of Congress were afraid to be investigated by the secret service. The galleries were packed to the doors, and their occupants likewise exhibited the greatest interest in what the President

Promptly at noon Mr. Latta, one of the President's secretaries, was at the main door of the chamber bearing the message which was read as soon as the Italian relief measure was put through.

The President's specific references to certain speeches by Messrs. Tawney, Smith, Sherley and Fitzgerald, when the provision for the restriction of the operations of the secret service was up for discussion, and also to Mr. Busbey, the Speaker's private secretary, created a sto m of laughter. The Speaker several times vigorously rapped for order.

## The President's Message.

To the House of Representatives: I have received the resolution of the House of Representatives of December 17. 1908, running as follows:

Whereas there was contained in the sundry civil appropriation bill which that motive in enacting the provision in passed Congress at its last session and question," and that this is an impeachbecame a law, a provision in reference to the employment of the secret service Congress. These statements are not, I in the Treasury Department; and

Whereas in the last annual message of the President of the United States to the two houses of Congress it was stated in reference to that provision: 'It is not too much to say that this amendment has been of benefit only, and could be of benefit only, to the criminal classes' and it was further stated. 'The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men.' and it was further stated: 'But it this is not considered desirable a special exception could be made in the law, prohibiting the use of the secret service force in investigating members of Congress. It would be far better to do this than to do what actually was done, and strive to prevent or at least to hamper effective action against criminals by the

executive branch of the government;' and Whereas the plain meaning of the above words is that the majority of the congressmen were in fear of being investigated by secret service men and that Congress as a whole was actuated by that motive in enacting the provision in question; and

Whereas your committee appointed to consider these statements of the President and to report to the House cannot find in the hearings before committees nor in the records of the House or Senate any justification of this impeachment of the honor and integrity of the Congress; and

"Whereas your committee would prefer, in order to make an intelligent and comprehensive report, just to the President as well as to the Congress, to have all the information which the President may have to communicate: Now, there-

"Be it resolved. That the President be requested to transmit to the House any evidence upon which he based his statements that the 'chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men, and also to transmit to the House any evidence connecting any member of the House of Representatives of the Sixtieth Congress with corrupt action in his official capacity, and to inform the House whether he has instituted proceedings for the punishment of any such individual by the courts or has reported any such alleged delinquencies to the House

#### of Representatives. Made No Charges.

I am wholly at a loss to understand the concluding portion of the resolution. I have made no charges of corruption against Congress nor against any member of the present House. If I had proof of such corruption affecting any member of the House in any matter as to which the federal government has jurisdiction, act'on would at once be brought, as was done in the cases of Senators Mitchell and Burton and Representatives Williamson, Herrmann and Driggs at different times

since I have been President. This would simply be doing my duty in the execution and enforcement of the laws without respect to persons. But I do not regard it as within the province or the duties of the President to report to the House "alleged delinquencies" of members, or the supposed "corrupt action" of a member "in Lis official capac-ity." The membership of the riouse is by the Constitution placed within the power of the House alone. In the prosecution of criminals and the informement of the laws the President must resort to the courts of the United States. In the third and fourth clauses of the

preamble it is stated that the meaning of

my words is that "the majority of the

Charged to Mr. Tawney.

\* \* \* I have no doubt that many members of the House simply followed the lead of Messrs. Tawney and Smith without having had the opportunity to know very much as to the rights and wrongs of the question.

I think the responsibility rests on the committee on appropriations, under the lead of the members whom I have mentioned.

Mr. Tawney in the debate stated that he had in his possession "a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, who himself admits that the provisions under which the appropriation has been made have been violated year after year for a number of years in his own department." I append herewith as Appendix

A the letter referred to. It makes no such admission as that which Mr. Tawney alleges.

The ink contract fraud in the bureau of engraving and printing was investigated by the secret service, and the guilty parties brought to justice. Mr. Tawney stated in the debate that this was not investigated by the secret service, but by a clerk "down there," conveying the impression that the clerk was not in the secret service. As a matter of fact he was in the secret service: his name was Moran, and he was promoted to assistant chief for the excellence of his work in this case.

For a long time I contented myself with endeavoring to persuade the House not to permit the wrong. \* \* \* These methods proved unavailing to prevent the wrong. Messrs. Tawney and Smith and their fellow-members on the appropriations committee paid no heed to

I have spoken plainly and directly, and have set forth the facts in the case.

the protests.

congressmen are in fear of being investigated by secret service men" and that ment of the honor and integrity of the think, in accordance with the facts.

Refers to the Record.

"Last year an amendment was incor-

The portion of my message referred to runs as follows:

porated in the measure providing for the secret service, which provided that there should be no detail from the secret service and no transfer therefrom. It is not too much to say that this be granted. and could be of benefit only, to the cr.minal classes. If deliberately introduced for the purpose of diminishing the effectiveness of war against crime it the government and favorable to the could not have been better devised to company this end. It forbade the practices that had been followed to a greater or less extent by the executive heads of various departments for twenty years. To these evidence which enabled us to drive great lotteries out of business and secure a quarter of a million of dollars in fines from their promoters. These practices have enabled us to discover some of the most outrageous frauds in connection with the theft of government land and government timber by great corporations and by individuals. These practices have enabled us to get some of the evidence indispensable in order to secure the conviction of the wealthiest and most formidable criminals with whom the government has to deal, both those operating in violation of the anti-trust law and others. The amendment in question was of benefit to no one excepting to these criminals, and it seriously hampers the government in the detection of crime and the securing of justice. Moreover, it not only affects departments outside of the Treasury, but it tends to hamper the Secretary of the Treasury himself in the effort to utilize employes of his department so as to best meet the requirements of the publie service. It forbids him from preventing frauds upon the customs service, from investigating irregularities in branch mints and assay offices, and has seriously crippled him. It prevents the promotion of employes in the secret service, and this further discourages good effort. In its present form the restriction operates only to the advantage of the criminal, of the wrongdoer. Henry C. Potter, Jr., Kills Himself.

"The chief argument in favor of the provision was that the congressmen did not themselves wish to be investigated by secret service men. Very little of such investigation has been done in the past; but it is true that the work of the secret service agents was partly responsible for the indictment and conviction of a senator and a congressman for land frauds in Oregon. I do not believe that it is in the public interest to protect criminals in any branch of the public service, and exactly as we have again and again during the past seven years residence, on Jefferson avenue, with the en route to his home in this city. prosecuted and convicted such criminals who were in the executive branch of the gas escaping. It was stated then by government, so in my belief we should members of his family that the gas had cial exception could be made in the law bathroom of Mr. Potter's residence. prohibiting the use of the secret service Congress. It would be far better to do with a bullet through his head. this than to do what actually was done. and strive to prevent or at least hamper effective action against criminals by the

#### executive branch of the government."> A Sweeping Denial.

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A careful reading of this message will show that I said nothing to warrant the statement that "the majority of the cougressmen were in fear of being investi-

given ample means to prosecute them been turned on accidentally, as he was found in the legislative branch. But overcome by an attack of heart trouble. Idaho Senator to Be Re-Elected by if this is not considered desirable a spe- This morning a shot was heard in the When the family and servants entered force in investigating members of the the room he was found dead on the floor WOMEN TRAIN FOR WAR.

SUPREME COURT DECISION ON

\$29,000,000 FINE.

Action Leaves Standing the Court

of Appeals-Judgment Ravor-

able to the Company.

The twenty-nine-million-dollar-fine case;

of the Standard Oil Company will not be

to this effect was announced by Chief

The case came to the court on a peti-

tion filed by the government asking the

court in a petition for a writ of certiorari

review of the decision of the United States

circuit court of appeals for the seventh

circuit by which Judge Landis' original

decision imposing a fine of \$29,000.000

to leave standing the decision of the

court of appeals, which was adverse to

DISTRICT BILLS IN SENATE.

Senator Gallinger.

To amend section 1608 J of the code of

To amend the act to regulate the prac-

To regulate the construction of build- the part of Strickland.

tice of medicine and surgery in the Dis-

full heretofore. They were referred to-

The Commissioners' bill to limit the

period for refunding taxes and assess-

ments erroneously paid, which twas re-

DETROIT FINANCIER'S SUICIDE.

Victim of Nervous Trouble.

For the extension of 19th street.

law for the District of Columbia.

trict of Columbia.

the District of Columbia.

ings along alleyways, etc.

passed today by the Senate.

tion for some time.

Army of Amazons in Montenegro

to Fight Austria.

WAITING AT THE DOOR FOR STATEHOOD. to Dr. Spiro Sargentich, commissioner of health of Tacoma, Wash., now speeding WILL ACCOMPANY PRESIDENT westward from Chicago en route from Montenegro, where he went to offer his services to his former ruler and watched LIEUT. COL. MEARNS WILL the women of Montenegro training for a

ARIZONA

possible war with Austria. "When we read in the 'Iliad' of the women who helped in the siege of Troy we were positive that we would not encounter a similar condition in our every-day life,' declared the health commissioner. "In our little country of Montenegro where the designs of Austria become more and more galling as the days go by, our women are preparing for a possible fray. Daily they drill and practice with their rifles and Dr. Sargentich served in the Montenegrin

Justice Fuller soon after the court con- order of Prince Danilo I conferred on him FOUND WITH THROAT CUT. to order up the record in the case for a Georgian Is Brutally Assaulted by

and the Austrian armies, and wears the

a Gang at Thomasville. THOMASVILLE, Ga., January 4 .- B. F. Akridge, who lives at Sale City, Ga., near here, was found near Thomasville against the Standard Oil Company for ac- with his throat cut from ear to ear and cepting rebates from the railroad com- with numerous bruises on his body. He

panies was reversed. In the Supreme Court the case turned largely upon the Akridge says that he left Thomasville right of the court to interfere in view of Saturday afternoon to walk to his home the fact that the case had been passed and that at .Ochlochnee river he was upon by the court of appeals, the govern- met by a crowd of men from his own Lieut. Col. Mearns, U.S.A., retired, "is graphed the Secretary of State as folment contending for such privileges as a neighborhood, who attacked him and in- assigned to active duty with his consent, lows: right, while it was urged in behalf of the flicted the injuries which he bears. He oll company that the precedents were all says that some held him and others of against such a proceeding. The action of the crowd covered him with rifles while the court consisted in the announcement one man cut his throat. He refused to this city.' that the government's petition would not give the names of his assailants.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., January 4 .- The body of A. G. Martin, a prominent local at the corner of Bradley avenue and 9th street, on the South Side, with his throat cut from ear to ear. No clue has been found as to the manner in which the crime was committed.

Introduced by Mr. Dillingham for JEALOUSY CAUSES TRAGEDY.

Base Ball Player Kills Girl, Wounds Senator Dillingham of Vermont, in be-Escort and Commits Suicide. half of Senator Gallinger, chairman of the

BOONEVILLE, Ind., January 4.-Ed-District of Columbia committee, who is in ward Strickland shot and killed Miss Ida New Hampshire, introduced today in the Williamson, eighteen years old; fatally Senate the following Commissioners' bills: wounded Almond Timmons, the girl's escort, and then turned the weapon against Chandler, Ind., near here. The shooting occurred at the home of Charles Hass, where a dance was in progress. Strick-To regulate plumbing and gas fitting in land was a base ball pitcher and is said to have signed with the Evansville Cen-To provide for the removal of unsafe tral League team for next season. The crime is attributed to jealousy or

These measures have been reported in INSPECTOR'S SLAYER CAUGHT. day to the District of Columbia committee Fitzgerald's Murder Sequel to Deficit

in a Mississippi Post Office.

eral weeks, and offered no resistance. The killing of Fitzgerald followed the DETROIT, January 4.—Henry C. Potter, checking up of the books of the Clinton accosted by two men, who demanded his regards as the best method for meeting jr., of this city, vice president of the post office, where Sorsby acted as deputy valuables. Instead Ligidel drew a knife People's State Savings Bank of this city, postmaster, and the finding, it is stated, of committed suicide at his home shortly be- a discrepancy of \$750 in his accounts. fore 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Potter The amount was paid and Sorsby is al- beaten. had been suffering from nervous prostra- leged to have endeavored to persuade the inspector to make no report to the Post Office Department. This Fitzgerald re-About a month ago Mr. Potter was fused to do and was shot and kil'ed by found unconscious in the bathroom of his Sorsby as he was about to board a train

CLEAR FIELD FOR HEYBURN.

Incoming Legislature. BOISE, Idaho, January 4.-United States Senator Weldon B. Heyburn will undoubtedly be re-elected by the incoming

B. F. O'Neil, state chairman of the republican state central committee, and Gov.-elect J. H. Brady, around whom the er of many years' experience, is dead at opposition to Senator Heyburn's selec-CHICAGO, January 4 .- An army of tion was alleged to have centered dis-Amazons trained to wage war on the claim having had any ambition to oppose the present incumbent.

Austrian empire is the newest body to take up the profession of arms, according dorsed Senator Heyburn for re-election.

Pa., Tribune and the Juniata Tribune, published at Mifflintown, Pa. Later he was engaged in journalistic work in Ohio and at Washington, D. C. was engaged in journalistic work in Ohio

MAKE THE AFRICAN TRIP.

Found Physically Disqualified for Performing the Duties of His Rank in the Army.

Two special orders were issued by the War Department today in regard to Maj. Edgar A. Mearns, medical department, U.S.A., the officer who has been ordered sing are believed to be safe at the Hotel tion. to accompany President Roosevelt and France, Palermo." party on their hunting expedition into Maj. Mearns, having been examined for found physically disqualified for the duties of a lieutenant colonel in the medical corps, by reason of disability incident | Secretary of State. to the service," has, by direction of the President, been retired from active service as a lieutenant colonel to date from ter Kennedy and Charles Williams are January 1, 1909, "the date upon which safe. He says that Messrs. Kennedy and he would have been promoted to that

tion of the President, announces that Italian relief committee, today tele-tional lines.

Under these orders Lieut. Col. Mearns will receive the full pay and allowances of a lieutenant colonel on the active list during his entire service under this assignment with Mr. Roosevelt in this city and in Africa.

FOUR SERIOUSLY HURT.

Gas Explosion Almost Totally Wrecks House at Martinsville.

MARTINSVILLE, W. Va., January 4. cupied by John H. Bridgeman and George G. Garrett resulted in four persons being seriously injured and the house almost totally wrecked. The space between ceiling and floor filled from a leaking pipe, and when ignited hurled the ceiling down upon the heads of Mrs.

The Garrett family were not in their

HIGHWAYMEN ARE BOLD. Three Hold-Ups in Rapid Succession Startle Chicagoans.

JACKSON. Miss., January 4.-William early today, caused excitement in the destitute, the American National Red to increase the amount to \$800,000. ported favorably from the District com- Sorsby, who shot and killed Post Office down-town district. Two highwaymen Cross has cabled \$150,000 with the sugmitte May 16 last by Mr. Dillingham, was Inspector Charles Fitzgerald at C'inton, figured in each and one was captured. In Red Cross Society for the purpose of fit-Miss. September 29, was captured near the presence of scores of persons Charles ting out a ship with provisions and medithe scene of the killing. Sorsby was found W. Moffett, a traveling salesman, was cal supplies. This amount is in addition of the following resolution for relief in in the attic of the home of a friend, where beaten and robbed. His nose was broken he states he has been in hiding for sev- and he was taken to a hospital in a semiconscious condition.

Joseph Ligidel; a real estate dealer, was and began slashing at his adversaries. They ran and one was taken by the police. A third victim was robbed and severely

Fatal Collapse of Scaffold.

CLEVELAND, January 4 .- By a collapse of a scaffold at the Central Blast Furnace here last night fifteen Italian workmen were thrown to the ground. One man was killed and the others seriously injured, some probably fatally. The men were thirty feet in the air en-

gaged in tearing down a brick chimney. Death of Ephraim B. McCrum. CHEYENNE, Wyo., January 4.- Eph raim Banks Mccrum, a newspaper workthe home of his daughter, Mrs. W. L. last night. Ripple. He was founder of the Altoona.

Ambassador Griscom Cables Secretary Root.

MAY NOT STOP IN ITALY

sidered Untimely.

SUPPLY SHIPS ARE WELCOMED

Premier Asks That the Celtic Proceed to Naples and the Culgoa to Messina.

The prime minister of Italy believes that the American fleet of battleships will arrive in Italy too late to be of assistance at the scene of disaster according to a cablegram received by the Secretary of State from Ambassador Griscom today. That suggestion will be followed up by a conference here to determine what disposition is to be made of the stricken people in the Italian fleet, as it is not regarded as advisable to dering aid to the earthquake sufferers. Preparations had been made at the Italian people for the succor of sufferers ports to be visited by the fleet for the reception of the Americans, but under the present circumstances the visit would hardly be regarded as well timed.

Ambassador Griscom also cables that th while the Culgoa would be appreciated for the American fleet, diverted at Messina and vicinity if arriving in three or four days. The Culgoa left Port to the immediate use of the Ital-Said this morning and should arrive at | ian victims. Mr. Griscom states that he has a tele-

gram dated the 2d from Vice Consul Cutting at Milan, who has gone to Messina and taken charge of the work there last night, which was attended by Speakfor Mr. Griscom, asking for food and er Cannon, the sum of \$500,000 was agreed supplies. Mr. Griscom adds that he is sending supplies today through the cour- upon as the amount which should be aptesy of the prime minister and expresses propriated. That sum was included in the hope that the Secretary of State will secure for the committee appointed by the act drafted by the appropriations Mr. Griscom the disposition of a part committee. Ten minutes before the of the appropriation to be made by Congress for the earthquake sufferers. In another dispatch Mr. Griscom says that the Speaker received a letter from the the American relief committee organized White House suggesting that the amount by him in Rome is prepared to advise and co-operate with all committees in be increased to \$800,000. Before any acthe United States and to distribute funds tion could be taken by the committee both independently and through Italian committees, as may seem advisable with on appropriations the House was in rechanging conditions.

Americans Reported Safe.

"Mead and Garrett are safe at Quisisana Hotel, Capri, and that the Misses Lan-

the wilds of Africa during the coming to be Mr. and Mrs. Edmund H. Garrett dent's secretaries, appeared in the chamspring. The first order announces that and their son, Julian Garrett of New ber with the message, which follows: York city, Dr. G. N. T. Mead of Massapromotion by, a board of officers and chusetts and the Misses Lansing of Watertown, N. Y. The latter are related by marriage to John W. Foster, formerly

Consul Gale, at Malta, cables that Miss Elizabeth Pitfield of Philadelphia, Wal-

gress approved April 23, 1904, and will my newspaper I tender you sincere affection for their native land felt by report in person to the President of the thanks for your prompt and generous as- great numbers of good American citizens United States for duty, with station in sistance in behalf of our compatriots af- who are immigrants from Italy; the licted by the recent earthquake in Italy."

Italy, Sends Thanks. Baron Mayor des Planches, ambassador from Italy, has received instructions from to the demand by contributions through his government to express to President the safe and efficient channel Roosevelt the sincere thanks of the gov. American Red Cross Society.

Roosevelt the sincere thanks of the government of Italy for the generous aid and dered the government supply ships Celtic sympathy extended by the President and and Culgoa to the scene of disaster, people of the United States to the Italian where, upon receiving the authority which nation in the great calamity that has bed is pense food, clothing and other supplies fallen it. The ambassador-will call on with which they are laden to the value the President and fully express these sen- of about \$300,000. The Celtic has already -A gas explosion in a house jointly oc- timents of his government. The message sailed and the Culgoa is at Port Said. to the ambassador makes no reference to the proffer of the services of the Amer-lean fleet now at Suez, the exchange of asked if their services can be made usecommunications on that subject being conducted through the American ambassador At the Italian embassy it was an-

nounced that further subscriptions for the of \$500,000 to be applied to the work of Bridgeman and her small son and Mr. sufferers in Sicily and Calabria will be relief at the discretion of the executive and Mrs. Ed Flanagan of Wheeling, the received by the Italian ambassador and with the consent of the Italian gov. latter Mrs. Bridgeman's sister, inflicting serious injuries. All were taken to a large number of ladies prominent in diplomatic and official circles in this city. The embassy in announcing this plan paid aster in 1992. a high compliment to the zeal shown by he American National Red Cross, which also continues to receive subscriptions for this purpose. The embassy sent \$2,500

in rapid succession, the last occurring disaster, thus giving quick relief to the ally would be done. It was then agreed to the \$100,000 and the \$70,000 previously, sent by the American Red Cross. By to provide for the shipment of supplies the American Red Cross adopted what it the emergencies that face the Italian Red

### FLEET ENTERS SUEZ CANAL. First Section Begins Passage at 8 O'Clock This Morning.

SUEZ. January 4.-The battleships on their passage through the Suez canal at 8 o'clock this morning. They are due at Port Said late tonight. The weather is magnificent and a large crowd assemily, and requesting that a copy be sent to bled on the Avenue Helene to witness the people of Italy.

The American auxiliary critiser Panther and the collier Ajax came into port

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# OUR FLEET TOO LATE FOR ITALIAN RELIEF \$800,000 IS VOTED

**Congress Quickly Appropriates** for Earthquake Sufferers.

Visit Except to Aid Sufferers Con- SETS UP A NEW RECORD

Largest Amount Ever Given by Government for Relief.

ACTION URGED BY PRESIDENT

No Opposition in House-Only Bailey in Senate Objected. Doubts Authority to Take the Step Proposed.

Congress today appropriated \$800,000 for the relief of the earthquake zone.

This, the most generous fund ever contributed by the American in other lands, is to supplement the dispatch of the supply ships Celtic from New York and the Culgoa from Port Said for Mesprime minister suggests that the supply sina with their big cargoes of ship Celtic should go straight to Naples, necessaries, originally intended

Messina within four days and possibly President Roosevelt, in a special messooner. The Celtic is en route to Gibral- sage to Congress today, asked for a direct appropriation of \$500,000 for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers.

At the conference at the White House House of Representatives convened today ceipt of the President's message on the subject. At the hurried meeting of the Consul Crowninshield, at Naples, to- committee in front of the Speaker's desk day informed the department that the amount was increased to conform with the President's later recommenda-

Almost immediately after the chap-The Americans referred to are believed lain's prayer Mr. Latta, one of the Presi-

President Urges Appropriation. To the Senate and House of Represent

"The appalling calamity which has befallen the people of Italy is followed by distress and suffering throughout a wide region among many thousands who have food and means of living are destroyed. Williams are at Taormina, which did not The ordinary machinery for supplying-the suffer. He adds that Mr. and Mrs. Rob- wants of civilized communities is paraerts, who were at Messina, are missing. lyzed, and an exceptional emergency ex-Charles Barsotti, editor of Il Progresso ists which demands that the obligations The second order, also issued by direc- Italo Americano and president of the of humanity shall regard no limit of na-

> "The immense debt of civilization to Italy; the warm and steadfast friendship "In behalf of the Italian community of between that country and our own; the abundance with which God has blessed us in our safety, all these should prompt us to immediate and effective relief. "Private generosity is responding nobly

> > "Confident of your approval, I have or-Eight vessels of the returning battleship fleet are already under orders for Italian

> > "I recommend that the-Congress approve the application of supplies above indicated and further appropriate the sum "Isuggest that the law follow the form THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"The White House, "January 4," 1909." After the message had been read the In response to the suggestion of the ations at once were severally called to the Speaker's desk for a conference, with Italian Red Cross Society that a vessel the Speaker's desk for a conference, with loaded at Genoa with provisions the idea in view of obviating the referand sent to the scene of the earthquake ence of the matter to committee, as usu-

Appropriation Quickly Granted. Mr. Bingham (Pa.) secured unanimous consent for the immediate consideration

accordance with the President's message. sending the money instead of undertaking which was passed amid great applause: "That to enable the President of the United States to procure and distribute among the suffering and destitute people of Italy such provisions, clothing, medicines and other necessary articles, and to take such other steps as he shall deem advisable for the purpose of rescuing and succoring the people who are in peril and threatened with starvation, the sum of \$800,000 is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

"In the execution of this act the Presi-Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota and Ver- dent is requested to ask and obtain the apmont, composing the first section of the proval of the Italian government, and he is hereby authorized to employ any vesfleet under Rear Admiral Sperry, started sels of the United States Navy and to charter and employ any other suitable steamship or vessels. Immediately another resolution was unanimously adopted expressing the pro-

found serrow of the House for the calam-Senate Acts Promptly.

The Senate was in the midst of morning business, when Mr. Latta arrived there with the message from the President ISMAILA, Egypt, January 1.-The Immediately after the message find been American battleships Connecticut, Wer- read Senator Hale moved that it be mont, Kansas and Minnesofa, that on- He said that this action was not for delay. but to give the committee an opportuni